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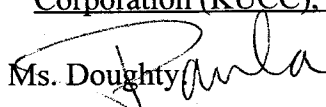
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September 25, 1998

Paula Doughty  
Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation  
Manager Environmental Compliance  
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Re: Schedule for Submittal of Second Draft of 1998 Update on Mining Activities, and Transmittal of Outline for 1998 Update of Closure Plan, Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation (KUCC), Bingham Canyon Mine, M/035/002, Utah County, Utah

Dear Ms. Doughty 

This letter is in response to your August 7, 1998 letter requesting a change in submittal date for the update on mining activities. The main reason for KUCC's request is to accommodate a second aerial survey of the mine area and allow more time to address the Division's review comments of July 17, 1998. The Division has no concerns with the new submittal date of September 30, 1998 for the update on mining activities. This added time should result in a more accurate description of the disturbed areas using the new aerial photos and a more complete response to the Division's comments.

This letter is also in response to your September 9, 1998 letter describing a proposed submittal date of October 30, 1998 for the update on the closure plan for the Bingham Canyon Mine operations. Your letter proposes a two month time extension to the original August 31, 1998 submission date for the closure plan. This extension to October 30, 1998 is approved.

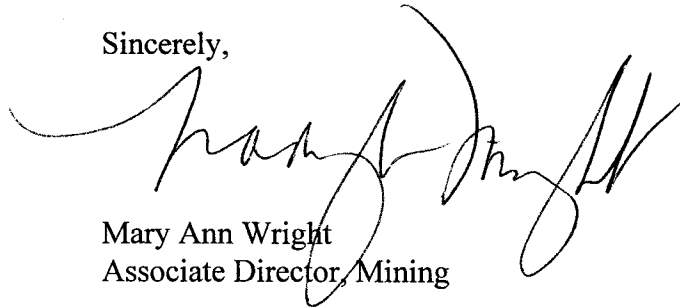
An outline of the closure plan update was attached to your latest letter. It is our understanding that this outline will be expanded upon with tentative closure actions proposed based on present site conditions and current knowledge of the areas within the Bingham Canyon Mine permit boundaries. As a reminder, this closure plan submittal is required as part of the 12/12/97 Division Order which was acknowledged by KUCC in its 2/26/98 letter. The February letter commits to a schedule in order to meet the Division Order requirements. This letter simply approves changes to the earlier approved schedule.

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We look forward to the receipt of these two items from KUC. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this letter please contact me at (801) 538 -5306. If I am unavailable, please call Wayne Hedberg at (801) 538-5286 or Tony Gallegos at (801) 538-5267. Thank you for your continued efforts in completing these permitting actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Ann Wright', is written over the typed name and title.

Mary Ann Wright  
Associate Director, Mining

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